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ADDRESS OF PRINCIPAL PLACE O	F BUSINESS: (Do not use P.O. Box )	No.)	
1001 WEST LOOP S	SOUTH SWITE 800		
	(No. and Street)		
HOUSTON	TEXAS	77027	
(City)	(State)	(Zip Code)	
NAME AND TELEPHONE NUMBER	OF PERSON TO CONTACT IN REC	SARD TO THIS REPORT	
CLARK BLACKMAN	/	713/622-9111	
		(Area Code — Telephone No.)	
B.	ACCOUNTANT IDENTIFICATION	TION	
INDEPENDENT PUBLIC ACCOUNTA	ANT whose opinion is contained in this	Report*	
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One Riverway, Suite	1000 Mandon	TV 27dec	
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*Claims for exemption from the requireme	ent that the annual report be covered by the	ne opinion of an independent public accountar	
musi be supported by a statement of fact	's and circumstances relied on as the basis	for the exemption. See section 240.17a-5(e)(2)	

### OATH OR AFFIRMATION

1, JOHN GOOTT  best of my knowledge and belief the accompanying financial statement and supporting schedules pertaining to the firm of FINANCIAL PARADIGMS, INC., as of DECEMBER 31, 2003, are true and correct. I further swear (or affirm) that neither the companior any partner, proprietor, principal officer or director has any proprietary interest in any account classified soley as that of a customer, except as follows:	of Y
DIANNA L. MANCUSO  MY COMMISSION EXPIRES  MARCH 13, 2004  Signature  PRESIDENT & CHIEF EXECUTIVE OF  Title  Notary Public	- <u>+</u>
This report** contains (check all applicable boxes):  (a) Facing page.  (b) Statement of Financial Condition.  (c) Statement of Income (Loss).  (d) Statement of Changes in Financial Condition.  (e) Statement of Changes in Stockholders' Equity or Partners' or Sole Proprietor's Capital.  (f) Statement of Changes in Liabilities Subordinated to Claims of Creditors.  (g) Computation of Net Capital  (h) Computation for Determination of Reserve Requirements Pursuant to Rule 15c3-3. See Crouple Proprietor's  (i) Information Relating to the Possession or control Requirements Under Rule 15c3-3.  (i) A Reconciliation, including appropriate explanation, of the Computation of Net Capital Under Rule 15c3-1 and the Computation for Determination of the Reserve Requirements Under Exhibit A of Rule 15c3-3.  (k) A Reconciliation between the audited and unaudited Statements of Financial Condition with respect to methods of consolidation. No Acquiremental Propriate Statements of Financial Condition with respect to methods of consolidation. No Acquiremental Report. Nil.  (n) A copy of the SIPC Supplemental Report. Nil.  (n) A report describing any material inadequacies found to exist or found to have existed since the date of the previous audit.	I <del>-</del>

<sup>\*\*</sup>For conditions of confidential treatment of certain portions of this filing, see section 240.17a-5(e)(3).



#### SENT BY VIA CERTIFIED MAIL 7003 0500 0002 9459 1094

March 19, 2004

Mr. John Goott President and Chief Executive Officer Financial Paradigms, Inc. 1001 West Loop South Suite 800 Houston, TX 77027

Re: Annual Audit

Dear Mr. Goott:

This acknowledges the receipt of your December 31, 2003, annual filing of audited financial statements made pursuant to U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) Rule 17a-5(d) (the Rule). The report as submitted appears deficient in that it did not contain the following:

- 1. A report or statement describing any material inadequacies found to exist or if none existed a statement to that effect as required by SEC Rule 17a-5(j).
  - 2. The Facing Page (Form X-17a-5 Part III) is incomplete. Please complete Section B Account Identification and the applicable boxes Under The Oath or Affirmation.

Based on the above, your filing does not comply with the requirements of the Rule which is reproduced in the NASD Manual under the section titled SEC Rules & Regulation T. We urge you to review the Rule with your independent accountant.

Pursuant to the provisions of NASD Rule 8210, we request that you send one copy of each item(s) listed above to this office and to the appropriate SEC regional or district office, and two copies to the SEC Washington D.C. office. Your submissions must include a newly completed Form X-17A-5 Part III Facing Page, a copy of which is enclosed for your convenience.

Please respond to this matter by April 2, 2003. Questions may be addressed to Pablo DeArkos at 972-701-8554.

Sincerely,

Christian A. Zrull Associate Director

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Enclosure: Form X-17A-5 Part III Facing Page

cc: Securities and Exchange Commission
Julie Preuitt / Assistant Director Administrator
801 Cherry Street, Unit 18
Fort Worth, TX 76102

Financial Paradigms, Inc. Certified Public Accountant 1001 West Loop South Suite 800 Houston, TX 77027 Professional Corporation

# REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL STRUCTURE REQUIRED BY SEC RULE 17 A-5 FOR A BROKER-DEALER CLAIMING AN EXEMPTION FROM SEC RULE 15C3-3

February 19, 2004

Board of Directors Financial Paradigms, Inc.

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements and supplemental schedules of Financial Paradigms, Inc. (the Company) for the period November 12, 2002 through December 31, 2003, we considered its internal control, including control activities for safeguarding securities, in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements and not to provide assurance on the internal control.

Also, as required by rule 17a-5(g)(1) of the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), we have made a study of the practices and procedures followed by the Company including tests of such practices and procedures that we considered relevant to the objectives stated in rule 17a-5(g) in making the periodic computations of aggregate indebtedness and net capital under rule 17a-3(a)(11) and for determining compliance with the exemptive provisions of rule 15c3-3. Because the Company does not carry securities accounts for customers or perform custodial functions relating to customer securities, we did not review the practices and procedures followed by the Company in any of the following:

- 1. Making quarterly securities examinations, counts, verifications, and comparisons.
- 2. Recordation of differences required by rule 17a-13.
- 3. Complying with the requirements for prompt payment for securities under Section 8 of Federal Reserve Regulation T of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

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The management of the Company is responsible for establishing and maintaining an internal control structure and the practices and procedures referred to in the preceding paragraph. In fulfilling this responsibility, estimates and judgments by management are required to assess the expected benefits and related costs of controls and of the practices and procedures referred to in the preceding paragraph and to assess whether those practices and procedures can be expected to achieve the SEC's above-mentioned objectives. Two of the objectives of internal control and the practices and procedures are to provide management with reasonable but not absolute assurance that assets for which the Company has responsibility are safeguarded against loss from unauthorized use or disposition and that transactions are executed in accordance with management's authorization and recorded properly to permit the preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. Rule 17a-5(g) lists additional objectives of the practices and procedures listed in the preceding paragraph.

Because of inherent limitations in any internal control or the practices and procedures referred to above, error or fraud may occur and not be detected. Also, projection of any evaluation of them to future periods is subject to the risk that they may become inadequate because of changes in conditions or that the effectiveness of their design and operation may deteriorate.

Our consideration of the internal control structure would not necessarily disclose all matters in internal control that might be material weaknesses under standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. A material weakness is a condition in which the design or operation of the specific internal control structure components does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that error or fraud in amounts that would be material in relation to the financial statements being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. However, we noted no matters involving internal control, including control activities for safeguarding securities that we consider to be material weaknesses as defined above.

We understand that practices and procedures that accomplish the objectives referred to in the second paragraph of this report are considered by the SEC to be adequate for its purpose in accordance with the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and related regulations, and that practices and procedures that do not accomplish such objectives in all material respects indicate a material inadequacy for such purposes. Based on this understanding and on our study, we believe that the Company's practices and procedures were adequate at December 31, 2003, to meet the SEC's objectives.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Members, management, the SEC, and other regulatory agencies that rely on rule 17a-5(g) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 in their regulation of registered brokers and dealers, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

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